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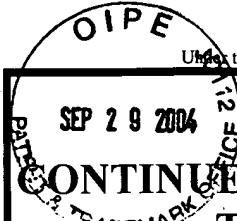
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provided for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

<i>Application Number</i>	09/829,573
<i>Filing Date</i>	April 10, 2001
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply (Submission Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114) 10/01/2004 MAHMED1 00000021 09829573 ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) 01 FC:1801 770.00 OP iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) 10/01/2004 MAHMED1 00000021 09829573 iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ 02 FC:1253 840.00 OP
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